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Dear Colleague:

On Thursday, March 23, 2006, Argonne National Laboratory will conduct the 19th "Science Careers in Search of Women" Conference. The Conference will once again focus on exploring opportunities and options for women choosing careers in science and technology. A Conference announcement and an application/student sign-up form are enclosed. ***The application/student sign-up form is also available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.dep.anl.gov/women>. The deadline for applications is February 17, 2006.*** Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a space-available basis. Notifications of acceptance will be sent during the week of February 20, 2006.

We invite you to identify young women students from your school who have not had the opportunity to attend this one-day event. The students need not have clear ideas about future careers but should be those who are interested in science and mathematics. We are aiming our presentations toward sophomores and juniors, but interested seniors would also be welcome.

Because of limited Conference space, we are restricting attendance to six high school women plus one teacher/counselor from each high school. **Since this announcement is being sent to science and mathematics departments as well as guidance counselors, we ask that the applications be coordinated.** In order for your students to attend, your school must provide for round-trip transportation. Snacks and lunch will be provided to all Conference participants.

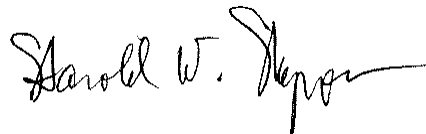
The students will be welcome to arrive beginning at 8:00 a.m. and refreshments will be available. From 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., students will complete individual career and leadership assessments. The official opening of the Conference and keynote address will be at 10:00 a.m. The program will continue with tours of scientific displays and facilities. Teachers/counselors will be assigned a tour. Following the tours, lunch will be provided and students will have opportunities for one-on-one interactions with women scientists. The afternoon will consist of panel presentations and career booth exhibits. The panels will present information on career options and experiences, particularly as they relate to women in science. After a brief closing plenary session, the Conference will conclude at 4:30 p.m. A tentative schedule of the day's events is also enclosed.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Carol Reynolds at 630-252-4114 or reynolds@dep.anl.gov. We look forward to hosting you and your students at the Conference.

Sincerely,



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